these carriers were imported, quantity-wise, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Indian Navy has, at present, only one aircraft carrier, INS Viraat. This aircraft carrier was imported from U.K. in 1987.

Misuse of Indian Credit by St. Petersburg Shipyard

2348. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA-REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether St. Petersburg Shipyard has misused the credit extended by India to Russia for construction of three frigates; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to ensure delivery of frigates to Navy on time, by 2002 and 2003?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Federal State Unitary Enterprise (State Corporation Rosvoorouzhenie), a Russian Government Enterprise, with whom the Government of India/Ministry of Defence entered into a Contract for the construction of three ships, has confirmed an unconditional fulfilment of Contract commitments and guaranteed that all the sums received from the Indian side for the construction of these ships are used exclusively directly for this purpose. Moreover, the Indian Navy Overseeing Team stationed in the Russian Shipyard had confirmed that construction of the ships is ahead of schedule.

Inadequate Budgetary allocation for Army

2349. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of Defence be plesed to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in 'The Hindustan Times', dated the 28th February, 1999 wherein the defence analysis have stated that the defence allocations made in 1999-2000 budget in respect of Indian Army are not adequate, as Indian Army alone needs an annual increase of Rs. 1,500 crores to support and maintain its equipment; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, indicating the percentage of defence allocation made with regard to Indian Army, as compared to break-up of allocation made in respect of three services during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Army has been allocated Rs. 25,264.94 crores in BE 1999-2000 which shows an increase of Rs. 2,474.24 crores over RE 1998-99. Allocation has been made to Army keeping in view their obligatory expenses, essential maintenance needs and committed liabilities on on-going programmes. Further, adequate funds have also been provided for their high priority new schemes. The percentage share of the three Services in Defence Budget during 1999-2000 is as under:-

Army	55.29
Navy	14.80
Air Force	22.49
Other Deptts. (DRDO, DGOF etc.)	7.42

Fund to Fight Extremists/Naxalites

2350. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any separate fund has been earmarked to fight extremists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fund allocated to fight nexalites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) though no separate funds has been earmarked to fight extremist activities in the country, under the Scheme for Modernisation of state Police Forces, funds have been released to the affected States to upgarde their police forces to fight extremists\naxalites. A statement indicating the funds released during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (upto 5.3.1999) is annexed below. The Ministry of Home Affairs has formulated a Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure to the States affected by Left Wing Extremism, which is under consideration of the Government.